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Local Boy Promoted Is Given Citation For Unusual Valor

It doesn't seem very long ago, when the Press printed a picture of a large bomber, with its crew, ready for service in the field, but grounded at its training field in the "west". In the crew was Paul T. Davis, son of Mrs. Margaret Davis of this town. At the time of the printing of the story, the big "fortress" was already on its way overseas and now it can be told that it has participated in many raids over the European continent. Some seventeen forays have been made and Paul T. Davis is now promoted to First Lieutenant. A citation has been issued to him as of November 13, 1943 after completing five trips and the citation received by his mother, has been read with much interest by the editor. We quote, "for exceptionally meritorious achievement" . . . "the courage, coolness and skill displayed . . . reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States." By command of Brigadier General LeMay and attested by the chief of staff and Adjutant. Congratulations Lieutenant Davis. Your many friends here will follow your future career with much interest.

Forgive Asks Kagawa

Toyohiko Kagawa, well known Christian evangelist, worker and writer of Japan, friend to many in Northfield and frequent visitor here, has issued a terse note to his Christian friends in China, asking forgiveness. Through the courtesy of Rev. Edward Fairbank, a copy of his brief note has reached the editor. He says "Though a million times I should ask pardon, it would not be enough to cover the sins of Japan . . . I ask you to forgive my nation. There is an unaccountable number of souls in Japan, who, like myself, are asking for pardon. I beg you to forgive us. . . we Christians were not strong enough to restrain the militarists. Forgive us as we work and pray that the day will come when our two nations will be harmonious in the name of Christ." Kagawa is recognized in his country as a Christian statesman and leader but his efforts are frowned upon by the military group in power. He has not been molested.

West Northfield Man An Air Bombardier Wins Medal-Cluster

Sgt. John A. Plotcyck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Plotcyck of West Northfield, is an aerial engineer with a group of "bombers" operating in the South Pacific. He enlisted in the aviation service and secured his training at various fields, making rapid progress, and began his foreign duty in April 1943. His record has been of continual success and he is credited with his crew of destroying many Jap "Zeros". He was given a furlough for rest and recreation and upon his return was awarded the Air Medal and four bronze leaf clusters, by the commanding officer of the 13th Air Force, Major General Nathan B. Twining. This information has been received by his parents and they, as well as many friends, are made happy in the honors conferred. Sgt. Plotcyck after attending school in this town, studied at Massachusetts State college and later was employed at the Northfield hotel and then at the Middlebury Inn. He has a sister and three brothers in the various services. Northfield may well be proud of the achievements of Sgt. John A. Plotcyck.

Hears Interesting Talk

At the meeting of the Women's Alliance Thursday afternoon, January 13 at the home of Mrs. Bertha D. Leach, Rev. Arthur Heeb gave a most interesting talk on "The Educated Hand and Juvenile Delinquency." He pointed out the value of constructive education in individual creative efforts. Much of individual creative outlets and self-reliance have been frustrated by the lack of the training of the hand and eye. Mr. Heeb presented an exhibit of metalcraft for amateurs, as an illustration of what any interested boy or girl can do with simple tools such as may be found in any home. Juvenile delinquency is the result of the negative attitude of parents, the school, the church and the community towards the natural creative instincts of adolescent life.

Mrs. Carroll H. Miller and Mrs. Raymond Sauter served as hostesses.

"Heavenly Destiny" A New Life Story Emma Revell Moody Truly Revealed In Intimate Relations With Her Family

Mrs. D. L. Moody, one feels after reading "Heavenly Destiny", the story of her life written by her granddaughter, Mrs. Emma Moody Powell, would be the last person to feel slighted because her first biography failed to appear until 41 years after her death. Beautiful, well educated, dignified, and deeply spiritual, she deliberately avoided the spotlight that played upon her dynamic husband, so that she might be his guide, counselor, and comforter, and a devoted mother to their children. "Heavenly Destiny" is more than a tribute to a really remarkable woman and an important contribution to Moodyana. It is also the dramatization of an era in the social and religious life of the Western world seen through the eyes of four generations. The characters in this drama, in addition to D. L. Moody, who inevitably dominates this group as he did any group he was part of, are four generations of "Emmas": Emma Manning Revell, the matron; Emma Revell Moody, the heroine; Emma Moody Pitt, the racooness; and Emma Moody Powell, the scribe.

The author has chosen an unusual technique to bring about the dramatic effect of her subject. Part One is frankly chronological and consists of a series of vivid, swiftly moving word pictures beginning with the migration of the Revell family from their native England in 1849 and ending on the Autumn day in 1903 when Emma Revell was buried on Round Top at the side of her famous husband.

Part Two elaborates the more significant phases of the drama and literally takes the reader behind the scenes so that he may see for himself what made things "click" in the days when the world was beating a path to D. L. Moody's door.

It is impossible to read this book without wishing that you might have been included in Mrs. Moody's wide circle of friendship. One can feel the warmth of her greeting as the great and lowly alike are made welcome; one can see her as she cuts her birthday cake for the guests, careful and sparing, so that there may be plenty left to share with the neighbors; one can imagine the joy of receiving the cheerful, heart-warming letters she loved to write and of which many are quoted here for the first time.

The author was fortunate in the wealth of source material available to her, but it is obvious that her devotion as a granddaughter played as important a part in her success in this endeavor as did data and a facile pen. She says, "I am aware that mine was the most wonderful of grandmothers and that there is no adequate way to tell of her. But though I cannot capture all that she was and successfully put it on paper, still I cannot feel that such a beautiful spirit is gone in the telling, and I certainly hope that more words remain."

There remains, we think, an absorbingly interesting, intimate, and convincing portrait of this remarkable woman for those familiar with the background, and a revealing adventure in good reading for everyone.

Editor's note: This excellent review is by Frank W. Pearsall.

Is A War Casualty

In a bulletin of casualty lists issued by the War Department last week is the name of Roman Yurkevich, technician 5th grade, with next of kin, a wife, residing on the Millers Falls road in Northfield. He was wounded in the Mediterranean area. Inquiry reveals that he is a resident of Sunderland and his wife was Elizabeth J. Butynski of this town, now residing at her home during his period of service. They were married December 8th, 1942. Recent information is that Mr. Yurkevich is gradually improving.

Hermion Graduated Forty-nine Students Mid-year Exercises

The first wartime mid-year Commencement at Mount Hermion School took place Sunday, January 16 when 49 boys received diplomas. These students accelerated their course by attending the first summer school which was held here last year as a war measure. Another summer session is being planned for this coming June.

Following the completion of the final examinations, Commencement activities began Friday, the 14th at noon with the baccalaureate address by Acting Headmaster William E. Park in the chapel. Friday night there was a banquet sponsored by the Alumni Association, during which the seniors were inducted into the organization. Alumni President Frank E. Beveridge of Westfield, was the speaker, also Gaylord Douglass, alumni secretary.

The Saturday events included the granting of Cum Laude awards at noon, athletic events during the afternoon, the faculty reception for seniors at 4, and the senior dance at the Northfield Hotel in the evening.

The graduation exercises were concluded Sunday with the awarding of diplomas by Dr. Park. The speaker for that occasion was Dr. Earl F. Adams, general director, Northern Baptist Convention. At the baccalaureate service, Headmaster Dr. William E. Park was the speaker. Dr. J. Glover Johnson, pastor of the church, read the Scripture and offered prayer. The seniors marched in wearing their caps, gown, and tassels of green and white, their class colors. Carlton W. L'Honnepied was at the organ.

Dr. Park stressed four values which, he hoped, the graduates had acquired during their stay at Mount Hermion. "First," he said, "you have gained skills in knowledge and intelligence. Your minds have been trained for work, not only in the studies you have mastered here, but for the greater work in a post-war world that lies ahead. Second, you have learned the dignity and glory of work, some of it hard and dull. Therein lies the deepest satisfactions of life."

"What you want to be you can be, is the third value. Fourth, you are now in this chapel for the last regular service. Surely you must have caught the great purpose of these meetings, which is the need of faith in God and man to overcome the obstacles to a better world."

Ration Dates

Meats, Butter, Etc. — Brown stamps R, S, T and U now valid; all expire Jan. 29. V good through Feb. 26.

Sugar — Stamp 30 now valid for five pounds, good through March 31.

Canned Goods — Green stamps G, H and J become valid Jan. 1; expire Feb. 20.

Gasoline — New A No. 8 gasoline coupons now valid for three gallons each; expire Feb. 9.

New B-2 and C-2 coupons now good for 5 gallons each. B-1 and C-1 coupons still good for 2 gallons each.

Fuel Oil — Period 2 coupons now good until Feb. 8. Period 3 coupons also good until March 14.

Shoes — Stamp No. 18 and stamp 1 on Airplane sheet of Book 3 now valid for one pair, indefinitely.

Tires — New deadline for tire inspection for B and C book holders Feb. 29.

Local Boy Fights Fire

In the news columns of the newspapers this week was an account of the large fire which destroyed several buildings in the town of Durham, N. H. belonging to the New Hampshire State college and housing the Postoffice bookstore and tea room. The students were called out to fight the blaze with the fire department and among the number was Robert Fuller, formerly of this town, who is taking a military course there. His wife Beverly, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Potts of this town was living there and employed in the bookstore which was destroyed. Mr. Fuller was overcome in serving as a fireman by the smoke and had to receive special treatment. Both he and his wife will remain at Durham and he has fully recovered from his experience.

More Good News Ensign Harris Lieut. Given Promotion

Information has been received by Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Harris of South Vernon that their son Ensign Laurie L. Harris, has been promoted in the naval service and is now a Lieutenant, junior grade. He is now located at Charlestown, S. C. Although his parents are now engaged in business across the state line in Vermont at South Vernon, they were former residents of this town and their children were educated in the Northfield schools. Lieut. Harris is a graduate of Northfield High and of Colby college in Waterville, Maine. He received his navy training at Harvard University and at Cornell University and previous to his present assignment he was stationed at Jacksonville, Fla. His wife is at her home in Belmont, N. Y., and recently visited his parents here for a short stay. Despite his residence in Vermont he will always remain a Northfield boy.

Is Now A Captain

Information was received by Mr. and Mrs. Philip Porter last week that their son, Robert S. Porter of the U. S. Army has been promoted to the rank of Captain. Capt. Porter is now located in Sicily, where he has been stationed for several months. His wife and daughter, Lois, are living with her parents in Bethlehem, Pa.

For Registration

The last day for registration before the annual town meeting will be Wednesday, January 26th from 12 noon to 10 P. M. at the Town Hall when the Registrars will enroll the names of all those who contemplate becoming voters in the town. Remember the day and hours and act.

TOWN TOPICS

The Friendly class of the Congregational church assisted in the making of Red Cross surgical dressings at Alexander Hall last Monday evening.

Mrs. Louke B. LaBella was hostess to the meeting of the W. C. T. U. at her home last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Helen Gutbrodt and Mrs. Margaret Weigner of Eagles Mills, N. Y., were guests over last weekend of the Newton and Griggs family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Bolton have just received word that their son, Ernest Bolton has suffered a fracture of his arm while at his work. He is at his home in Silver Springs, Md. with his wife and being cared for. The break was set and his arm placed in plaster and he is resting comfortably.

Dr. Richard G. Holton, who has been confined to his home for the past week, is reported as rapidly improving.

The ministers group of this town will hold an informal gathering and meeting at the home of Rev. Arthur Heeb on Wednesday afternoon, January 26.

Rev. Ellis E. Jones, after a long period of illness during which he was confined to his home on Mount Hermion campus, is now able to be about again.

Considerable news received too late for inclusion in this week's issue will be found in next Friday's publication.

Rev. Ellis E. Jones, pastor of the Vernon Union church and now teaching at Mount Hermion school, has been quite ill but now reported as rapidly improving.

Mrs. Brainard Willey of Birnam road, who was called to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gallup in Tulsa, Okla., because of her mother's serious illness, has returned to her home here. Her mother has improved.

The Christmas Health Seal sale in the county, with all reports from the 26 towns in, amounted to \$7,280 a gain over 1942 which was \$6,678. The town of Gill, in which Mount Hermion is located, reported sales of \$139.

The articles in the Warrant to be voted upon at the annual town meeting were completed last Friday evening when the Finance committee met to make their recommendations. The printing of the town report is now under way by the Press.

The engagement of Miss Priscilla Hayward, fifth grade teacher at Center school, to Burritt F. Leighton of Brockton, has been announced by her parents of South Easton. Miss Hayward is a graduate of the North Easton High school and the State Teachers college. Mr. Leighton is a graduate of Brockton High school and Northeastern University and is a civil engineer. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. George McMillan have rented the apartment formerly occupied by Miss Claire Silverthorne on Highland avenue and will reside there upon their return from Florida in the early spring. Their furniture has already been moved from their former residence on Winchester road to the new location.

The Republican National committee have announced that they have selected Chicago for holding the national convention to nominate candidates for president and vice president on Monday, June 26th. The state primary to elect delegates a large and from the various districts will be held next of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. April at which time also the members of the Northfield Republican Town committee will be chosen to serve for the ensuing four years.

PLAY SQUARE... DO YOUR SHARE



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On Thursday, Rev. Dahl will be in his study at the church from 3 to 5 and glad to meet and talk with anyone wishing to see him. The Weekly Prayer Meeting will be held at the church at 7:30. Rev. Mr. Dahl will lead. Choir rehearsal at 8:30.

Unitarian Church Rev. Arthur Heeb

On Sunday at 10:45 a. m., service of worship, sermon topic: "Question? 'I Myself Am Heaven and Hell' Omar Khayyam." Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed, choir leader and organist. Church school at 10:15. Mr. Carroll H. Miller, superintendent. A cordial welcome to all.

With The Durgins

Mrs. Russell Durgin of New Haven, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle for the past ten days, has returned to her home. Her daughter Helen is at Mount Holyoke college for another three months semester. Recently she attended the student conference at Wooster college in Ohio and since her return has conducted many special gatherings. She is also planning and preparing for the March conference in Northfield of which she is co-chairman. Russell Durgin Jr., who is at Saranac for health, is improving. He is able to go to the large dining room now and will occupy an up cottage in order to have a gradual increase of exercise periods each day. He is quite hopeful and cheerful and his recovery looks good at present.

Starts Nursery School

Miss Lois Pitkin will start a series of classes in a Nursery school to begin next Monday morning at the home of Mrs. Munroe Smith on Main street at 9 o'clock. Anyone interested may obtain full particulars by calling Miss Pitkin on phone 437.

TOWN TOPICS

Misses Barbara and Mary Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore of Philadelphia, summer residents of this town, visited their uncle and aunt, Rev. and Mrs. Dudley Peck on Main street for a short stay, while enroute to the Dartmouth winter carnival.

Miss Elinor Peck has spent a week at her home here, following attendance at a conference at Wooster college in Ohio. She has returned to her studies at Wellesley.

Mrs. H. Dudley Peck is spending the week in New York, New Jersey and other places, meeting with women's missionary societies and speaking of her work in Guatemala.

Prof. Horace H. Morse, who is at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital, is improving gradually after an operation. Many friends send their greeting and pray for a complete recovery.

Friends of Lawrence S. Quinlan will be glad to learn that he is much improved and is at the home of Mrs. Stella Hart, Conway street, Greenfield, for convalescence.

The Unitarian church has a wayside bulletin in front of the church which always has a friendly message. Now a bird feeding station has been added to the top and is being cared for by the children of the primary department directed by Mrs. Herman Miner.

The Christian Science Monitor in its issue of January 6 published a picture of the well known clock expert, Bert F. Wood of Winchester and his workshop which is of much interest together with the article which accompanied it. Also the Saturday Evening Post of January 1 published a picture in color of Charles A. Smith of Brattleboro in his workshop. Mr. Smith is a well known clock maker. Here are two troubleshooters for Father Time.

Save paper. There is an emergency. It is needed for the making of cartons to pack food, ammunition and other supplies for our armed forces. Accumulate it and tie it into bundles, then give it to our Boy Scouts who will make the collection.

Luckey O. Clapp of this town attended the Union Agricultural meetings in Worcester recently and also visited his son, Raymond L. Clapp at Weston before returning home.

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